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A FRIEND OF MINE

Well, Lizzie Anderson! seventeen men—and
The baby hard to find a father for!

What will the good father in heaven say
To the local judge if he do not solve this problem?
Does one with a little two-pointed smile
Change the law—pouff!—into a mouthful of phrases?

THE GENTLE MAN

I feel the caress of my own fingers
On my own neck as I place my collar
And think pityingly of the kind
Women I have known.

TO BE CLOSELY WRITTEN ON A SMALL PIECE OF PAPER WHICH FOLDED INTO A TIGHT LOZENGE WILL FIT ANY GIRL'S LOCKET

Lo the leaves
Upon the new autumn grass—
Look at them well . . . !

THE SOUGHING WIND

Some leaves hang late, and some fall
Before the first frost—so goes
The tale of winter branches and old bones.